

Creel Survey

January 13, 2014

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 35 boat anglers kept 15 steelhead and 1 cutthroat. 48 bank anglers kept 11 steelhead. All the fish were sampled at the trout hatchery.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 177 coho salmon, 64 coho jacks, and 55 winter-run steelhead during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 39 coho adults, 46 coho jacks, and three winter-run steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and 46 coho adults and 18 coho jacks into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 7,690 cubic feet per second on Monday, January 13. Water visibility is nine feet.

Washougal River – 20 bank anglers with 1 steelhead kept. 1 boat angler with no catch. Lots of water.

Bonneville Pool – No salmonid effort was observed.

The Dalles and John Day pools – Light effort and steelhead catch.

Sturgeon

Bonneville Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a legal per every 6.4 rods while bank anglers averaged one per every 11.7 rods. Through Jan. 5, an estimated 88 (8%) of the 1,100 fish guideline had been taken.

Scheduled to remain open for retention through Sun. Jan. 19. Harvest in the fishery will be monitored with a check-in planned for mid-January to consider whether the season should be modified consistent with balancing harvest between winter and summer seasons. Fishery managers will meet again in March or April to set dates for the summer retention season and consider a proposal to establish a May-July spawning sanctuary downstream of The Dalles Dam.

The Dalles Pool – Slow for legal size fish.

John Day Pool – No legal size fish had been sampled through Jan. 12.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools – Little to no effort was observed.

Trout

Recent plants of rainbows (no reports on angling success):

Lake Sacajawea in Longview – 60 averaging 5 pounds each and 50 ten pounders Jan. 8;

Battle Ground lake – 1,250 catchable size Jan. 6;

Klineline Pond – 1,300 catchable size Jan. 6;

Kidney Lake near North Bonneville – 1,250 catchable size – Jan. 7

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: ¹
Bonneville ²	88									88	8.0%		1,100
The Dalles													300
John Day													500
¹ Guidelines for 2014 have not been finalized yet.													
² Due to the high effort and harvest in Bonneville Pool, we will be providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis.													
Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.													
Current month sampled sturgeon kept:													
	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Bonneville	25	10								35		Jan. 12	
The Dalles	2									2		Jan. 12	
John Day												Jan. 12	
Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.													

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

January 6 - 12, 2014

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon															
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool	35	10	2	1	1	6	22	58	305		9		29	35	
The Dalles Pool	10	6					1	2					2	2	
John Day Pool	13						4	9	2						
Total	58	16	2	1	1	6	27	69	307		9		31	37	
Salmonids	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept		Jacks Kept Week Cum
Bonneville Pool															
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	3						1	2		1					
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead										1					
John Day Pool	1														
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool															
The Dalles Pool															
John Day Pool							1	1					2	2	
Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool															
The Dalles Pool															
John Day Pool															

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 2-week average)	39%	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	3.53	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.11	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 2-week average)	26%	91%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.50	0.20	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 2-week average)	42%	22%	67%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.09	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none